

2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN AND YOUTH MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

THE ROYAL
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The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT) on behalf of Australian Sailing. The event will be held at RYCT with racing conducted on the waters of the River Derwent.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C
- 1.2. The rules for handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class Rules will not apply.
- 1.3. Any prescriptions of the National Authority that will apply will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 1.4. The following is added to RRS41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.5. Competitors shall wear life jackets at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or equipment. Inflatable life jackets are not permitted. A breach of this rule is not open to protest by boats but is subject to actions by the umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and 8.2.
- 1.6. This event is a World Sailing (WS) Grade 3. The grading is subject to review by WS.

2. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available on the event website two weeks before the commencement of the event.

<https://www.ryct.org.au>

3. Communication

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the event website and on the official noticeboard on the south-east side of the RYCT clubhouse
- 3.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole at the entrance to the RYCT marina.

4. Skippers Eligibility

- 4.1. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times whilst racing, except in an emergency.
- 4.2. A non-refundable entry fee of AU\$600 shall accompany the registration for the registration to be considered final.
- 4.3. All competitors shall be a member of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing and hold a current Australian Sailing Number.
- 4.4. All competitors for the Youth Class shall be over the age of 13 and must not have reached their 23rd birthday on or before 31 December 2025. Evidence of age shall be submitted to the RYCT no later than close of registration.
- 4.5. All skippers entering shall obtain a WS ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>

5. Entries

- 5.1. The Organising Authority will invite a maximum of 12 Skippers to enter this event. Skippers wishing to receive an invitation may register their request with the OA by completing the Expression of Interest Online Form by Friday 19 September. [Expressions of Interest.](#)
- 5.2. Entering
The Skipper shall be entered upon completion of registration, crew weigh-in, the payment of all fees and finalisation of the damage deposit process.
- 5.3. Entry Fee
A non-refundable entry fee of AU\$600 (inc GST) shall be paid by 1700hrs, on Friday 3rd October 2025. (Fees are non-refundable, except if/when the event is cancelled by the OA).
- 5.4. When a skipper enters and then later withdraws within three weeks of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their ranking points for that event by World Sailing (World Sailing Regulation 27.2).

6. Damage/Damage Deposit

- 6.1. Each boat supplied is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1000 per incident
- 6.2. Each supplied boat shall supply to registration, the details of a Credit Card to the value of \$1,000 belonging to a member of the team, or if this is not possible, a Credit Card from the team they are representing.
- 6.3. When damage occurs during a race the OA Maintenance team will take note of the damage, the decision of the Umpire and the name of the skipper sailing the boat at the time. If unable to assess damage at the time a further inspection will be carried out once the boats have finished racing for the day.

- 6.4. Monetary deductions from the Damage Deposit will be assessed separately after closer inspection by the OA 'boat person', and all damage costs are deducted from damage deposits irrespective of any penalty (or none) during the Regatta.

7. Crew (including Skipper)

- 7.1. The number of crew members (including the Skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 7.2. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts shall not exceed 262.5kg determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the Race Committee.
- 7.3. Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 6kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 7.4. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew to substitute.
- 7.5. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

8. Event Format

- 8.1. Skippers will be seeded into a round robin schedule based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 8.2. The event will consist of a round robin series and finals
- 8.3. The OA may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

9. Boats and Sails

- 9.1. The event will be sailed in the RYCT fleet of Elliott 6 yachts.
- 9.2. Up to six (6) boats may be provided.
- 9.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Symmetrical Spinnaker.
- 9.4. Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

10. Course

- 10.1. The course will be windward leeward with starboard rounding's, finishing downwind.
- 10.2. The intended course area will be in the vicinity of the RYCT on the River Derwent, Sandy Bay, Tasmania.

11. Provisional Program

11.1. Schedule:

Wednesday 22/10/2025	Regatta Office Open Registration from Crew Weigh-in Practice session One Practice Session Two Regatta Briefing and Welcome Function	0900hrs 0900hrs– 1600hrs 0900hrs– 1600hrs 1000hrs– 1230hrs 1300hrs– 1530hrs 1730hrs– 1900hrs
Thursday 23/10/2025 Friday 24/10/2025 & Saturday 25/10/2025	Regatta Office Open Daily Briefing First Warning signal Latest Warning Signal Competitors Umpire Debrief	0830hrs 0900hrs 1030hrs 1600hrs As soon as practical following racing
Sunday 26/10/2025	Daily Briefing and Finals Boat Draw First Warning Signal Latest Warning Signal Final Presentations and Closing Function	0900hrs 1030hrs 1600hrs 1700hrs or as soon as practical following racing

11.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

11.2.1. Regatta Briefings

11.2.2. Daily Briefings

11.2.3. Final Presentations

12. Advertising

12.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.2. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1)

12.3. The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to display any advertising or images on competitors clothing, equipment (while racing or attending official functions), on boats or anywhere within the regatta venue.

13. Support Person

13.1. Support person vessels shall display the official support flag issued by the OA and/or be identifiable through branding on the boat.

13.2. The OA will provide berths for coach boats. Request for berthing must be made to the OA at least 5 days prior to registration via – sailing@ryct.org.au

13.3. All support persons must sign in at registration before the commencement of the event.

13.4. Any interference by a support vessel with the racing or event organisation may

result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the event umpires to the associated skipper or team.

14. Media, Images and Sound

- 14.1. The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional and perpetual rights to publish and broadcast, for any purpose and in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.
- 14.2. Competitors shall not tamper with or remove any recording devices which are located on boats.
- 14.3. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest infringements of any rules regarding media, images & sound (amends RRS 60.1).

15. Prizes

- 15.1. The prizes will be given as follows: Crews ranked First, Second and Third in the Open and in the Youth Class will receive medallions.

16. Disclaimer

- 16.1. All those taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, their officials, volunteers and any other associated sponsor or guest disclaims any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and things both ashore and at sea, as a consequence of participation in any way in this event.
- 16.2. Attention is drawn to RRS Part 1, Fundamental Rules, in particular, RRS 3 which states that, *"The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*

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